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SOVIET REACTION TO U.S. PROPOSAL OF 6 DECEMBER START

REF: STATE 197293

1. DURING 10 AUGUST MEETING AT SCAE, EMBOFF INFORMED MYAKINKOV AND ARIFMETCHIKOV PER REFTEL THAT (A) U.S. SIDE REGRETS THAT SOVIET-SUGGESTED OCTOBER TIMING IS IMPOSSIBLE; (B) BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS AND BUSY SCHEDULES OF U.S. PARTICIPANTS, SECOND HALF OF NOVEMBER IS RULED OUT; AND (C) SEAMANS WOULD LIKE TO OIRZ1296#DECEMBER AS STARTING DATE.

2. MYAKINKOV THANKED EMBOFF FOR INFORMATION, AND IMMEDIATELY REQUESTED U.S. DEL COMPOSITION. EMBOFF STATED THAT INFORMATION ON U.S. DEL COMPSITION AND FISIT INTERESTS WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER SOVIET RESPONSE TO SUGGESTION OF 6 DECEMBER.
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3. MYAKINKOV THEN PROVIDED "UNOFFICIAL" RESPONSE THAT 6 DECEMBER STARTING DATE IS "NOT INCONVENIENT" FOR SOVIET SIDE, BUT THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO CHECK WITH PETROSYANTS AND WOULD INFORM EMBOFF (IMPRESSION GIVEN WAS THAT RESPONSE WOULD COME WITHIN THAT DAY). MYAKINKOV STATED THAT DECISION ON TIMING SHOULD BE QUITE RAPID,WHILE THAT ON VENUE MAY TAKE LONGER (DECEMBER JCM#WOULD BE HELD "IN SOVIET UNION," BUT NOT NECESSARILY IN KIEV). IN CLOSING, MYAKINKOV ASKED IF HE COULD ASK "A SMALL UNOFFICIAL QUESTION": WHETHER THE "BUSY SCHEDULES FOR LATE NOVEMBER" WERE CONNECTED TO THE U.S. ELECTIONS (NO REQUESTS WERE MADE FOR EXPLANATION OF IMPOSSIBILITY OF OCTOBER TIMING). EMBOFF REPLIED THAT U.S. ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE AT BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER, NOT AT THE END, AND THAT DIFFICULTIES WITH THAT TIMING LIKELY ARE CONNECTED TO COMMITMENTS OF U.S. PARTICIPANTS THAT HAD HAD TO BE MADE SINCE ROBERTS VISIT.

4. EMBOFF 11 AUGUST ON ANOTHER MATTER CONTACTED ARIFMETCHIKOV, WHO SAID "STILL UNOFFICIALLY" THAT SCAE "WILL BE ABLE TO ARRANGE" FOR THE 6 DECEMBER STARTING DATE, AND THAT OFFICIAL WRITTEN PROPOSAL WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

5. COMMENT: MYAKINKOV'S QUICK RESPONSE AND EAGERNESS TWKE QUESTION TO PETROSYANTS RIGHT AWAY INDICATE THAT ACAE HAD AL-READY BEEN LOOKING AT OTHER POSSIBLE DATES; ARIFMETCHIKOV'S SUBSEQUENT REQUEST ON TIMING OF MEETING OF FBR COORDINATING COMMITTEE (07.02; SEPTEL) WOULD SUBSTANTIATE THIS.

6. IN ARRANGING PRELIMINARY PLANS, ERDA MAY WISH TO KEEP IN MIND THAT SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER IS SOVIET HOLIDAY (CONSTITUTION DAY).
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